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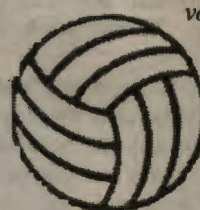
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Sadler on the rise

Former Eastern volleyball star lands head coaching position in Nebraska



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Melissa Wharton Anderson, a divorced mother of two and senior English major sits with her daughter Catherine, 6, to listen to the Women and Welfare panel. While she is on food stamps temporarily, she breaks the stereotype of how most people assume women on welfare act.

Panel: Give welfare another look

Members dispel myths about government program

By DONNA CUISIA
Activities editor

Laurent Gosselin, professor of family and consumer sciences, told an audience of approximately 75 people Wednesday that America's perspective on welfare needs to be re-analyzed.

"The economic security we all want for ourselves is not out there in abundance," he said. "When we talk about reform, we're not really talking about making (welfare) better ... we're talking about getting rid of it."

Gosselin was a panelist for the Women and Welfare Reform discussion held Wednesday afternoon in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

He was joined by Lynne Curry, instructor of history, Lola Murl White, public service administrator for the Illinois Department of Public Aid in Charleston, and David Cole, a representative from the Department of Children and Family Services in Charleston.

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"These panelists will talk about their areas and expertise in questions of welfare reform," said Lauren Smith, program committee co-chairwoman for Women's History and Awareness Month, as she opened the discussion. "This is a big issue and you are all voters. You need to know what you're voting about."

Each panelist discussed an area of expertise including the history of social welfare in the United States, public aid and programs offered in Coles County, government involvement in issues of child welfare and legitimate concerns of single women families and child development.

Curry, whose specialty is in women and the history of health reform, addressed the evolution of government-sponsored programs.

"One of the main purposes for these programs is to keep those that subsist below the poverty level healthy," Curry said.

Also touching on the issue of impoverished women, Curry said economic needs of poor women are not addressed as often as the needs of men.

"Whether we have learned our own history remains to be seen," she said.

Localizing the impact of poverty, White said a census done in February found that 5,085 people in Coles County took part in one or more government sponsored programs. More specifically, she said 1,014 households in the area take part in the food stamp program.

"Mostly when we talk about welfare, we are thinking about Aid to Families with Dependent Children," White said. "Local offices are going to be much more active (in the future). We're trying to fix the problem and still meet

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Treasurer steps down from post

Cites an 'unproductive' year

By CHAD GALLAGHER
Associate news editor

A treasurer for Eastern's multi-million dollar fund-raising arm is quitting Friday to accept another position in Virginia.

Dennis Jones, Foundation assistant treasurer and administration assistant, said he was upset to leave his friends behind, but quit because of changes in the development of fund raising he deemed "unproductive."

"For the last year nothing has happened as far as furthering the development efforts of (long-term fund raising)," Jones said. "It is my opinion that (President David Jorns) has turned the development efforts from long-term to short-term and wants short-term needs addressed at the expense of long-term."

The development changes made in February 1995 included the Foundation accounting sector reporting to the vice president of Business Affairs rather than the executive officer of the Foundation, Jones said.

Foundation accounting then became a "low priority" in Business Affairs because of the depth of the office, Jones said, as opposed to being a high priority when reported to the Foundation executive officer.

"I began looking for a job about two hours after I was told of the restructuring in the development area," he said.

Jorns, who refrained from addressing development in conjunction with Jones' resignation, said "Dennis (Jones) has served Eastern well, and I know I speak



Dennis Jones

for everyone when I wish him well at his new position."

Stephen Falk, former vice president for Institutional Advancement

and Foundation executive officer,

also stated disagreement with Jorns' restructuring of fund raising and development as a reason for leaving Eastern to take a job with a philanthropic organization in Michigan.

Falk, who resigned in May 1995, said he disagreed with Jorns' efforts to focus on annual fund raising rather than long-term campaigns.

Jones, has accepted the accounting manager position at Virginia State University at Petersburg.

"This is a step up, and it gives me an opportunity to start fresh," Jones said.

An informal reception will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. today at the Brainard House to say goodbye to Jones.

"Dennis Jones has been a truly impact person on this campus in a variety of areas, most specifically in minority affairs," said Bobbie Hilke, Foundation Executive Officer. "When you think of minority programming you think of Dennis Jones."

"He has done an exemplary job with little compensation, and will be sorely missed. He is, without question, one of the most user-friendly sources anyone can go to on this campus," Hilke added.

Employee reprimanded for neglecting fund

By SCOTT BOEHMER
Campus editor

An employee has been reprimanded for not placing money in a voluntary retirement fund used by Eastern faculty members.

Several faculty members did not get money deposited into a retirement fund run by TIAA Crest, a private company that handles retirement money, English professor David Radavich said. Radavich said money that was supposed to be taken out of his January and February paychecks and placed into his retirement fund was not there on Wednesday.

Money is supposed to be taken

out of a faculty member's paycheck and sent from the state comptroller's office to TIAA Crest. Interest is accumulated every day the money is in the TIAA Crest account.

"We did just find out that they reprimanded somebody on the retirement program because it was not done on a timely basis," said Paul Michaud, Eastern's director of human resources. "When they checked into the particular case, I guess they found out they didn't credit (Radavich) on a timely basis."

Michaud said he did not know

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Waiver information an invasion of privacy

By BETSY COLE
Administration editor

After releasing names of legislative tuition waiver recipients, Eastern will now abide by attorney Fred Heinrich's opinion.

Heinrich found the release of names to be an invasion of privacy under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

"He cites several exemptions under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act for denying releasing the names, addresses and other personally identifying information of students who receive legislative scholarships," said Shelly Flock, Eastern

director of public information.

Both Eastern and Western Illinois Universities released the names of scholarship recipients to the Champaign News Gazette after the paper filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

The newspaper's analysis of the records found that about one in five of the scholarships went to relatives of political supporters or students who lived outside lawmakers' home districts.

Eastern's Assistant Director of Administrative Services Harriet Rose granted the request based on advice from the Board of Governor's attorney.

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Activists applaud AIDS plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Activists are applauding a report by top scientists that calls for shaking up the federal AIDS research program. But they're also asking, "What took so long?"

The report, to be issued publicly on Thursday, calls for major changes in the way the National Institutes of Health has conducted research, drug trials and vaccine development for the \$1.4 billion federal AIDS program.

"We are very excited about the report," said Wayne Turner of the Washington chapter of ACT-UP, a national AIDS activist organization. "We have been pushing for a Manhattan Project approach for AIDS and this may be it."

"We just wonder what took so

long," he said.

Mark Harrington, policy director for the Treatment Action Group, a New York AIDS activist group, said of the report: "For the first time, the nation's leading scientists have provided NIH with a clear road-map for the next five years of the AIDS epidemic."

He said that if Dr. Harold Varmus, the NIH director, supports and implements suggestions in the study, "the American people can be sure that, for the very first time, every dollar spent on AIDS research is being spent on critical research of the very highest quality."

The report is based on more than a year of fact-gathering by a select group of about 100 scientists.

Eyes turn to Powell for VP slot

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after Bob Dole emerged as the inevitable Republican presidential nominee, attention swung to Colin Powell, who might or might not run with him. The Powell mystique was back in full force.

Even Dole was caught up in speculation about whether the former general could be induced to join the ticket.

Powell is "the most popular person in the country, period," said historian Stephen Ambrose, who chronicled Dwight D. Eisenhower's ascension under comparable circumstances 44 years ago.

But Powell's hold on the American imagination is greater than Ike's was, said Ambrose, a Powell-for-president booster until the general ruled out running last November.

Republican pollster Linda DiVall said Powell's decision to foreclose a presidential bid in 1996 was carried off with such grace that it only enhanced his appeal. Americans were enchanted by both Powell and his wife, she said: "The departure left them yearning." In recent months, Powell's allure seems to have increased. His autobiography was a runaway best-seller. He attracted big, enthusiastic crowds on his book tour.

But he's kept a relatively low profile, staying away from the TV talk shows. With scores of invitations to choose from, he agreed to two commencement speeches — at Northern Virginia Community College and Bowdoin State, a predominantly black university in Maryland.

Still, he commands public devotion. A pollster asked a group of voters in Iselin, N.J., to engage in a game of word association regarding some political figures. About Powell, the words were all gushy: "wise," "intelligent," "trustworthy." Polls in recent days suggest Powell, who is black, would help Dole, partly by drawing black votes from the Democratic Party's base. In one, Dole lost when matched against Clinton but a Dole-Powell ticket beat Clinton-Gore.

About all this, Powell said nothing Wednesday. But Ken Duberstein, Ronald Reagan's former chief of staff and a Powell adviser, said the general had not budged.

"He said it in November," Duberstein said. "He meant it." Still, some old political hands said that if Dole presses, Powell could resist only so long.

"The point will come when he can't say no because he is a man who responds to duty," said Mick Edwards, a former GOP congressman from Oklahoma who teaches at Harvard.

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Eastern was under the authority of the BOG at the time of the request.

In Heinrich's opinion, the release of names is addressed in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act as "information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information."

The FOIA provides examples of information that, if released, would violate personal privacy. Such examples are files and personal information relating to clients, students and patients receiving social, educational, medical or financial care, among other things.

James Tidwell, a media law professor at Eastern, disagrees with Heinrich's opinion.

"That is ridiculous," Tidwell said. "I think it's completely wrong."

The announcement of scholarship winners, students on the dean's list and honor roll happens every day and should not be considered an invasion of personal privacy, he said.

"If that's the case we'll have to cancel all award ceremonies we have the entire year," he said.

"I don't think who wins a scholarship is an educational record," Tidwell said. "Financial records, tax returns, transcripts and grades earned are clearly educational information."

"I think courts will uphold my interpretation," Tidwell said in reference to a lawsuit filed by the *Chicago Tribune* against the University of Illinois.

The *Tribune* filed a Freedom of Information Act request to the university to receive waiver recipients' names.

Rose said Heinrich's opinion is appropriate. "I agree with the second opinion because the documents violate the student's privacy when released," Rose said.

"Media people usually think it should be public. The people who administer Freedom of Information requests generally think it should be denied on the basis of privacy," Rose said.

Rose said it will be determined in court which opinion is correct. "I'm going to watch the court case closely."

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how many Eastern faculty were hit by the delay or whether it involved other universities. However, he said he didn't think the employee would be reprimanded if just one case was involved.

Radavich thinks it's probably several faculty members were affected.

"All of the faculty at Eastern are sent in at the same time by the state comptroller's office, so it seems like no faculty has received their money," Radavich said.

Michaud said the money has been deposited into Radavich's account along with interest gained on it, but he didn't know when it was done.

Representative from TIAA

Crest said Radavich and other faculty members may have been prematurely expecting the money to be deposited. Spokesman Tom Pinto said his company tries to deposit money as soon as possible when they receive it, although he did not know how long that takes on average.

Michaud said money must be credited within 90 days after his paycheck is issued.

"I think it may be a case where he was checking his level of accumulations a little too prematurely," Pinto said. "These are employee contributions, and again his concern his concern was he didn't see the application of the regular contribution."

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the needs."

One of the major problems with government programs is the difficulty with helping people let go and become self sufficient, White said.

"We encourage people to go to work and work themselves out of poverty," she said.

Another aspect of welfare is that of children, Cole said. He touched on such areas as child protection, family preservation and care for the problem of abuse and neglect.

"Child welfare is part of the whole picture," he said.

He also discussed the consolidation of certain government programs. He said upper-level managers, budgeting services and information systems would be the most

affected by the consolidation.

"There could be some administrative savings, but they're not talking about massive lay-offs," he said.

White said she would not disagree with any change that would make the delivery of services more effective, which includes consolidations when necessary.

"Poverty is an economic reality that we face," Gosselin said.

He talked about the impact of decreasing job opportunities as a factor of poverty.

Everyday, four workers are competing for each entry-level position that is available, Gosselin said. In terms of higher salary career opportunities, he said 222 people are in line for each available posi-

tion. He also related these facts to the idea of "deadbeat dads," who fail to contribute to their children's lives.

"Fathers are worse off than the mothers of these children," he said. "Many, of course not all, have lost their earning power. The reason why they're stuck is because they don't have a way of getting out of it."

The fastest growing group in poverty is children, Gosselin said. As a part of human development, single women have children for essentially the same reason married women choose to have children, he said.

"How can we not recognize, for all political and economic ramifications, that low-income women are normal people?"

Gosselin asked.

Gosselin and Curry agreed that society should move toward a national consensus. Gosselin said the government needs to establish good national policy for the "real needs of real people."

Cole warned the young voters in the audience, "Beware of simplistic answers you hear from politicians and presidential campaigns."

Cole disagreed with Gosselin and Curry when he said, "We need to restore some power and responsibility to local groups. It's worth our attention and effort."

"I think we have lots of things to improve," White said. "We're at a crossroads."

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Bucket drops helping locked out workers

By BRITT CARSON
Staff writer

Locked-out workers at Trailmobile have received \$4,000 in donations from a recent bucket drop as well as an overwhelming amount of food from the Charleston community.

Gary Collins, president of the United Paper Workers International Local 7591, said Wednesday's bucket drop was the most successful one since the lock-out began Jan. 21.

"We collected about \$4,000 in one day from the UAW (United Auto Workers) workers at the Caterpillar plant in Decatur on Tuesday," Collins said.

About 1,200 Trailmobile workers have been locked out since Jan. 21. Trailmobile and union officials have been negotiating for a new economic plan and overtime benefits.

Temporary replacement workers began working at the plant Feb. 19.

Trailmobile workers stand by the gates of various businesses including Caterpillar and ask for donations from the workers who drive by.

The money collected will be put into the workers' assistance fund.

Most of it will go toward the food pantry for the workers and their families.

"We really appreciate the response from the unions and the community," Collins said.

Larry Agan, media coordinator for the union, described the communities response to the locked-out workers as "phenomenal."

"We just received another shipment of food yesterday and it was purchased through donations and the money the union had, which was donated from a lot of different places," Agan said.

Agan said he was also pleased with the result of Tuesday's bucket drop.

"This is only the beginning," Agan said. "We are just getting started. We already have another bucket drop planned on Friday at the Wabash Fiber plant in Terre Haute, (Ind.)."

Agan was impressed by the amount of support the community has given the Trailmobile workers and hopes the support continues.

"The more support we have, the better off we are financially and psychologically," Agan said. "From time to time you forget people care, but when you need them, they are always there."

Panel to discuss women

By NORA KELLY
Staff writer

A presentation in conjunction with Women's History and Awareness Month will show the common stereotypes of women in advertising and demonstrate how women are often exploited sexually to sell products.

The presentation, "Images of Women in the Media," will be at 7 p.m. tonight in the Booth Library auditorium.

Susan Kaufman and Evelyn Goodrick, members of the Journalism department and the Women's Studies Council, will

show a video on the exploitation of women and then lead an open discussion.

"We need to examine advertising and understand how women are being used to sell products," said Kaufman, an associate professor of journalism. "We need positive images of women in the media."

Goodrick, a professor in journalism, said: "I see the film as making us more conscious of ads deliberately created to work on our emotions. Advertising looks at our human motivators which are such things as sex and romance."



SCOTTPAINTER/Staff photographer

Sink it

Tim Lyons, a senior accounting major, lines up a shot in Wednesday's nine ball tournament. Lyons recently competed for Eastern in the ACUI pool tournament held at the University of Illinois in February.

Bad budgeting kills Peacefest funds

By JESSICA BAKER
Staff writer

Poor budgeting forced the Student Senate Wednesday to table a resolution that would have given money to a program to promote causes such as recycling and voter registration.

Matt Herman, vice president for financial affairs, said the money was not available because the senate had underestimated the amount of money it would use for tuition waivers for the six executive positions.

The money for the mistake came out of \$1,800 worth of convention funds, which was where the tabled resolution was supposed to be funded.

The tabled resolution would have funded Peacefest, an annual end-of-the-year festival that promotes activism.

"The senate is allocated so much money at the beginning of the fiscal year and, because of poor planning, there isn't enough money to give to help fund programs such as Peacefest this semester," Herman said.

Last year, the senate budgeted about \$1,800 for a Student Government convention. They didn't attend it this year because of scheduling problems. About \$800 of that extra money would have been reallocated to fund Peacefest.

Herman said after examining the Student Government budget more carefully after the meet-

ing that it did not account for all six of the executive members to accept the tuition waivers and they did not take into account a tuition increase.

The student body president, vice president for student affairs, vice president for public affairs, vice president for academic affairs, vice president for financial affairs and the senate speaker receive tuition waivers.

Student Government allocated \$9,005 for tuition waivers, but that was only for five executives and didn't account for a tuition hike. Herman said he was unsure how much the senate spent for tuition waivers in the end this year.

Peacefest is a program the senate should want to fund because of the issues that will be brought up during the program, said Erin Weed, the senate member who authored the resolution. "Peacefest is a really good way to reach out to people and a lot of senate members support it," Weed said. "(Peacefest) is going to go on no matter what, and I'm determined to get it off of the ground. If I can't get the money from the senate I'm going to plan to go into the AB's reserve account."

Herman said it is possible for the Student Government to request additional allocations from the Apportionment Board. But because the AB must maintain a minimum amount in its reserve account, the request will probably have to be denied, Herman said.

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Bathroom changes leave the seat up on student needs

Most students have spent some of their 10-minute, between-class breaks roaming the halls in search of bathrooms without referral signs on their doors.

"Use bathroom in north end of building," or something similar, is what some of them read.

By the time students have searched and searched for their needed resort, it is 10 minutes into class and the next hour is spent slowly acquiring a urinary tract infection.

Editorial

The recent renovations of several restrooms in campus buildings are an inconvenience to many students. The ultimate goal of the renovation, to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Project, is certainly necessary.

But couldn't it be a little easier to go to the bathroom?

Current renovations in Booth Library, McAfee Gymnasium, Klehm Hall, Life Sciences Building and the Clinical Services Building are expected to be completed within a few weeks, said Steve Shrake, coordinator of the project.

Most changes to Coleman Hall restrooms are either completed or near completion, he added.

And more work is scheduled to begin in April or May.

"It's either going to take one year to complete the project or four years if we limit it to summer," Shrake said about the length of construction.

Workers should be concerned with getting the project done as soon as possible, but they should also look out more for students' needs and not make it so inconvenient for them to answer nature's calls.

"I'm glad for the remodeling, but an alternative is needed for all of the closed restrooms," one student said about the hassle.

Since construction must be completed by an October deadline, alternatives to bathrooms which are under construction need to be clear.

Faculty restrooms should be marked as available to students.

Closed student restrooms should have notes on the doors that clearly direct students to the nearest restroom.

And at least one operating restroom should be available in each building.

Students have more important things to do — such as going to the bathroom — than spending time searching for a rest stop.

“today's quote

A plague of sighing and grief! It
blows a man up like a bladder.

—William Shakespeare

Wave of terrorism in Israel will kill peace

The recent wave of terrorism and assaults on defenseless civilians in Israel is counter productive to the cause of the Palestinians. Violence begets violence. The arsenal of the Israeli army, if brought to bear on HAMAS and its surrogates, will damage the prospect for peace. It will ultimately exacerbate the problem in the Middle East.

What should we do? The timely conference called for by President Clinton, Premier Peres and Yassar Arafat hopefully will stop this circle of violence. Round table talks however are no panacea to the real problem of Israelis and Palestinians.

The Likud government of the late '70s and early '80s saw fit to fund HAMAS in the social and civic life of the occupied territories, thereby undermining the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Now this event has come full circle. The Labor government of Yitzah Rabin and Peres taking the opposite route, negotiates with the PLO, HAMAS refuses to lay down its arms. What a paradox?

Blame must be apportioned to all parties in the Middle East conflagration. The Balfour declaration that established the state of Israel did little to address the self determination of the Palestinian people. Is the glass half full or half empty? This is the condition of the inhabitants of biblical civilization. Cousins who should discuss their problems within the family take refuge in Damascus, Thera, Tripoli and other foreign capitals that promote hate. Even the scriptures of these people abhor the promotion of hate and war. A sorry situation for the children of Abraham, the supposed chosen people.

The lone voice in the wilderness, Sir Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's post independence Foreign minister and U.N. representative, produced an instrument addressing the self determination of the Palestinian people, albeit, nation. What happened? The misguided leaders of Arab kingdoms rejected this line of action. The recognition of the state of Israel some say is an affront to Arab nationalism. Some of them still do today. Too bad, they are yet to learn from history. Since 1948, all Arab states have not been able to dis-



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Guest columnist

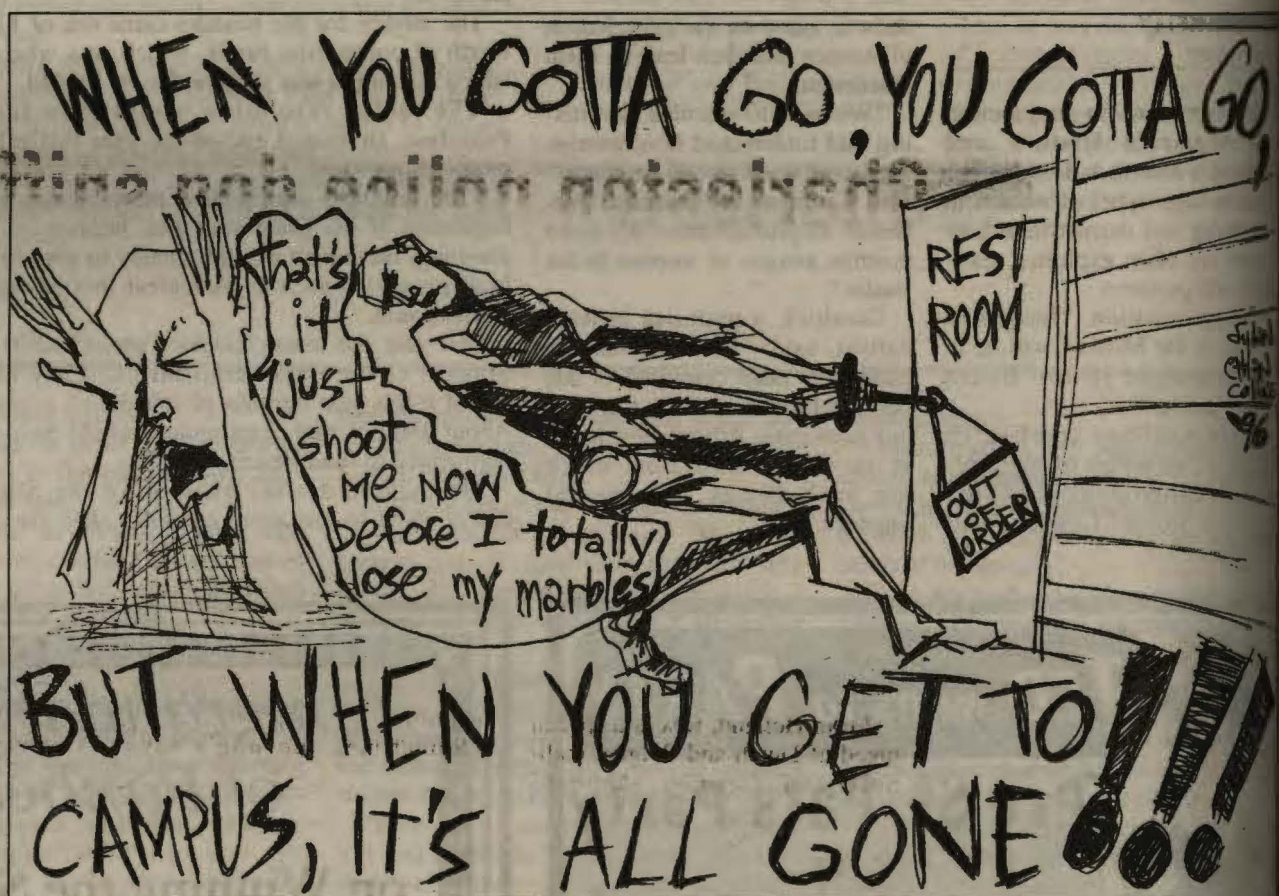
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and its godfathers in Iran, Syria and Libya should be isolated in commerce, diplomacy and what have you. Martyrdom that is promised to the young by these clerics, mullahs and dictators is not in the pages of the Islamic Holy Book. It is a disservice to the Arab nation and people.

Complete statehood for Palestine is a direction that must be followed. The umbilical cord between Israel and the Palestine must be severed now for the promotion of peace and stability in the region. If this conference in Sharm el Sheikh does not address this herculean task, we may yet see more suicide bombings in Israel proper and probably in Western countries. We cannot turn a deaf ear to the aspirations of those who do not want to be part of Israel. Jews today are beginning to question the validity of occupation. The occupied will always resent the occupier.

The double talk of Arafat and his advisers should give those involved reason for caution. Arafat and the Palestine National Authority must earn the trust, confidence and respect of those who value an amicable settlement to this conflict. The Palestine Liberation Organization's 1988 Covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, must be repealed now. Efforts should be made to persuade the PLO Council in this respect. Palestinians like Walid Khalidi and Edward Said, among others, must be brought to the table to convince the masses of the Palestinian people that violence for the promotion of their cause is no longer an option. Shalom/Salaam, as both people profess, must now guide this turbulent period in the peace process.

—Molatoye Olatoye Baiyewu is a political science graduate student and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News



Planned Parenthood supporters attempting to brainwash county

Dear editor:

A person really has to admire the dedication and efforts of all the people attempting to bring a Planned Parenthood clinic in Coles County. However, much like the current Presidential primary campaigning, the Planned Parenthood supporters are not only distorting the facts of their won campaign, but they are trying to brainwash this entire county into thinking one thing about their organizations while the total opposite is true. In fact, the irony of their whole situation makes me hysterically! In the Feb. 19 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, a Pro-Planned Parenthood editorial read, "We all (including Planned Parenthood supporters) want every child to be healthy and cared for." COME ON NOW! Most educated people fully know that

your turn

Planned Parenthood is without question a pro-abortion organization; how can a pro-abortion group care about children when they support the murder of them through the process of abortion?

I sincerely wish all the Planned Parenthood supporters out there (and those considering supporting them) remember one thing. You can fervently insist that a clearly brown horse is actually pink as strongly as you want, but it will never become true. don't lie to the citizens of Eastern with you lies about caring for children, making those lies appeal to the checkbooks of Coles County residents. Although you may not be bringing a clinic to Charleston that provides abortion services, I'm sure you would be more than happy to refer a client in crisis to one of your clinics elsewhere that does provide abortion services. To tell you the truth, ANYONE SUPPORT-

ING PLANNED PARENTHOOD COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE LIVES OF CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THE UNBORN CHILDREN!

Matt Honnold
Kansas, Mo.

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Sam McKee/Staff photographer

Police officer John Bennett holds his partner, Rex – Charleston's crime fighting canine. As a police dog, he's tracked down burglars and uncovered drugs and paraphernalia for the past 14 months.

The Real McGruff

Charleston police dog sniffs out crime

■ BY SAM MCKEE

Officer John Bennett has a partner that came all the way from Europe to work for the Charleston Police Department.

He's only four years old and already he can complete a difficult obstacle course, jump over four-foot high fences, walk on balance beams, run hurdles, venture through sleek tunnels and climb ladders with the help of a partner.

From Holland, Rex is a special breed of Dutch and Belgian malinois and German shepherd designed for police and military use.

The unique dog has a reddish-brown coat with spots of white and black. His ears lie back when resting, but pop up like a wolf when he hears a peculiar noise.

"(He's) very smart and strong and he has a high work drive," Bennett said.

Breeders sell him for about \$2,400 including shipping, but the total cost of installing a canine unit is much greater.

But the funds didn't come from the public trough. "Everything was paid for through donations by citizens and businesses," Bennett said.

Donations totaled about \$30,000, and covered the costs of the dog, a new patrol car, training equipment, time and other costs.

Kal-Kan in Mattoon provides the dog food for free.

Bennett and Rex went through 14 weeks of training at the Springfield Canine Training Center.

They worked long hours, practicing building searches in the projects and other on-the-spot drills. Bennett helped train Rex to identify narcotics for a reward. A pseudo-narcotic was placed on Rex's toy that smelled like actual drugs. So he learned to search for the peculiar smells.

"You train them to scent on the odor," Bennett said. "They think their toy smells like the narcotic. That's their money – their ball or their towel."

Sometimes the dog's toys

lot," Bennett recalled. "It was like an instant return on his investment."

Now the canine crew has been on the streets for 14 months.

The dog's presence can prevent resistance to arrests and crime itself.

Last year, Bennett and Rex apprehended a man who was wanted for stabbing someone. "He decided not to run even though he had a history of running in the past," Bennett said. "Criminals may think twice about

special tracking services. Charleston's canine unit comes as part of a growing trend.

"In the last few years, departments have really begun to see the light and the value of (canine units)," Bennett said.

Bennett is satisfied with his partner's personality.

"He's highly motivated; I don't have any problems getting him to work," Bennett said.

"The dog can do a lot of things that people can't do, and he can do other things faster because of his keen sense of smell and hearing," said Bennett, who's been on the force for seven years.

Rex stays in a kennel at his house, and Bennett's wife and child "love the dog."

Through his training and time with Bennett, Rex has acquired an "undying loyalty."

"He would immediately apprehend someone, without command, if they injured me," Bennett said.

Even though his partner cannot speak English, Bennett wouldn't trade him for anything.

"I spend as much time with him as I do with anybody else. He's almost like a human."

"They could offer me a chief's position tomorrow and I wouldn't take it."

The addition of man's best friend to the Charleston police force may give the officers a more approachable image in an age when musicians and rappers cast them as thugs and tyrants.

"Children will wave and ask me about the dog," Bennett said. "It's a good way to break the ice with them. When they meet the dog, the kids realize (the police) are not so bad after all."

"Criminals may think twice about running because of the dog."

— John Bennett
Canine Officer

would be stored with the real drugs, so they picked up the scent.

The man-and-dog team are certified for control, tracking and narcotics work, and they took first place in a contest in Ottawa last fall.

Two nights after they returned from training, Bennett received a call about a break-in at a local business. The two entered the building and the dog tracked down both burglars.

One of the offenders froze at the sight of Rex.

"He didn't move a muscle," Bennett recalls.

Ironically, the business owner had contributed to the funding of the canine unit. "He donated a

running because of the dog."

"Just having the dog present has made the individuals comply with us instead of fighting," Bennett said. "When people hear we have the dog, they might back off and decide not to do something that a dog can track."

Rex has sniffed out guns, drugs and drug paraphernalia, by carrying out his natural pattern for vehicle inspection. "He knows what areas to check," Bennett said.

Whenever he finds something, Bennett rewards him immediately with his toy.

The canine unit plays a supporting role to the other officers, usually providing back up and

Forbes calls it quits, opts to support Dole

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trowned by Bob Dole in the latest series of primaries, Steve Forbes decided today to abandon the Republican presidential race and throw his support to GOP front-runner Bob Dole, campaign aides said.

Forbes planned a Thursday afternoon withdrawal announcement in Washington, said campaign manager Bill Dal Col. A senior Forbes aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Forbes would endorse Dole and pledge his help in defeating President Clinton in the fall.

Dal Col said one reason Forbes put off the formal announcement for a day was so that his family could join him.

Forbes had vowed as recently as this morning to stay in the race through next Tuesday's Midwestern primaries.

But after spending much of the day closeted in a Washington hotel room with advisers, Forbes

accepted their judgment that the chances for a victory in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan or Wisconsin were bleak, given Dole's big lead.

Given that, Forbes began considering quitting sooner and contacted several associates outside his senior campaign staff before making his decision, sources said.

Forbes' decision came after the euphoria of winning the Delaware and Arizona primaries evaporated in the face of a string of resounding defeats.

Since Arizona, Forbes has not spent much money on television advertising, a sign to campaign watchers that he had reached the limit of how deep he was willing to dig into his personal fortune to finance his campaign.

Overall, Forbes spent more than \$25 million, nearly all his own money, to earn 901,000 votes during the primary season — 16 percent of those cast, putting him third behind Dole and Pat Buchanan.

Jazz combo to perform

By BOB HADZIMA
Staff writer

The EIU Jazz Combos will perform its second concert of the semester tonight featuring a variety of small group jazz literature associated with legendary jazz figures.

The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall.

"It's a good opportunity to hear some standard tunes, typical of a jazz repertoire," said Mark O'Connor, graduate assistant of jazz studies.

The first part of the concert,

"Silence," will be performed by a younger group of performers, O'Connor said. "Silence" will be directed by O'Connor and Shane Pitsch, graduate assistant of jazz studies.

"Silence" will include works by jazz artists Charlie Parker, Thad Jones, Curtis Fuller and Thelonious Monk. The group consists of a rhythm section, including piano, bass and drums, tenor saxophone, trumpet, flute and alto saxophone, O'Connor said.

The second part of the concert, "Mark VI," will also be directed by O'Connor.

Students offered fixed rate

By ELLEN EARDLEY
Staff writer

Starting fall semester 1996, Eastern students can sign up for a two-year housing contract and save nearly \$200.

Students will be given the option of signing a contract that guarantees they will stay in university housing for two years. If they sign, the university will ensure their housing fee remains fixed at the first year rate.

Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken said student fees typically increase on a yearly basis. He said the room and board rate has increased by an average of \$180 a year.

"I guess the bottom line is that we thought this might be a way to help students with the cost of education," Hencken said.

Students who wish to transfer to other campus housing will be included in this program. They

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—Lou Hencken,
Vice President for
Student Affairs

will be required to pay for the change in rates among different university housing units, but will not pay the overall increase in the housing fee.

Students who choose a smaller meal plan for the second year will pay a smaller housing fee.

"It is sort of a novel idea that the rates could actually go down," Hencken said. "We're trying to be creative on ways to keep costs down and still provide

vide quality service."

If students graduate, leave the university or transfer, they will receive a full refund for the second year.

Continuing students who have signed the contract must stay in university housing for two years. If they move off campus, they will not receive a refund.

"This is what students give up when we agree to keep their rates the same," Hencken said.

In addition to aiding students, the university hopes this program will help in the organization of campus housing.

"It would really help us if we had a better idea how many students were planning on living in housing," Hencken said. "Maybe it would increase occupancy a little bit."

Hencken thinks incoming freshmen may be most likely to sign a two-year contract.

"It's kind of a win-win situation," he said.

RHA to nominate members for scholarships

By JESSICA BAKER
Staff writer

The Residence Hall Association will nominate members tonight for the Sean McKinney and Richard G. Enochs Scholarships, said RHA President T.J. Frey.

The meeting will be at 5 p.m. tonight in the Thomas Hall lobby.

"RHA members can nominate other members for the scholarships," Frey said. "Whoever is nominated for a scholarship must give a short speech on why they think they deserve the nomination."

The McKinney Scholarship recognizes an outstanding freshman or transfer student living in a residence hall who regularly participates in RHA or hall council.

The Enochs Scholarship is for a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student who lives on campus and unselfishly gives himself or herself to

the National Residence Hall Honorary and improving Eastern's housing.

Frey said the person who nominates someone for the scholarship must write a letter on why that person deserves the award. The letter is due by March 29.

"After all of the letters have been submitted, the nominee will hand in an application to a committee who will then decide the winner," Frey said.

The Housing Office will make the final decision of who gets the awards and announce the winners at the spring banquet in April.

RHA members will also nominate five people to be inducted into the National Residence Hall Honorary. A committee will be selected tonight to decide who the new members of the honorary will be.

"I think this is a great way to recognize individuals who have done an outstanding job as members of RHA and the National Residence Hall Honorary," Frey said.

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Nuggets guard 'stands' ground

DENVER (AP) — Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, the Denver Nuggets star who has refused to stand during the national anthem this season because of his Islamic beliefs, was suspended without pay on Tuesday by the NBA.

NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said Abdul-Rauf violated a league rule that requires players, coaches and trainers to "stand and line up in a dignified posture" during the U.S. and Canadian anthems.

"The NBA's rule on this point is very clear, and all our rules apply equally to all players," he said.

Granik said the suspension will continue for as long as the player refuses to comply with the rule.

Abdul-Rauf requested and was granted a meeting with NBA commissioner David Stern on Wednesday in New York to discuss the issue, sources said.

Charlie Lyons, president and chief executive officer of Ascent Entertainment Group, which owns the Nuggets, said the NBA's action "speaks for itself. The league's rules and regulations apply to everyone involved in the NBA."

Abdul-Rauf was not at McNichols Arena for Tuesday night's 110-93 victory over Orlando and was

unavailable for comment.

Following a shootaround earlier in the day, however, Abdul-Rauf said he doesn't believe in standing for any nationalistic ideology.

The Koran, he said, states nothing should come between him and Allah.

"My beliefs are more important than anything," Abdul-Rauf said. "If I have to give up basketball, I will."

Calling the American flag "a symbol of oppression, of tyranny," Abdul-Rauf said: "This country has a long history of that. I don't think you can argue the facts."

You can't be for God and for oppression. It's clear in the Koran, Islam is the only way.

I don't criticize those who stand, so don't criticize me for sitting. I won't waver from my decision."

Ed Wearing, state commander of The American Legion veterans organization in Colorado, suggested that Abdul-Rauf renounce his U.S. citizenship.

"Refusing to stand up and recognize the unity of this nation as embodied under the flag to me is tantamount to treason," Wearing said.

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indefinite suspension.

But explain the fact that Abdul-Rauf has been using the same pregame routine of not standing for the national anthems all season. Why is this just now becoming an issue?

The NBA has gone far beyond its jurisdiction in this case — why should the suits in their posh offices practicing their golf putts be allowed to control the religion of a player? Because in essence, that's exactly what they're doing.

The NBA's version of communism has given Abdul-Rauf an ultimatum: stand during the anthems and defy all your Islamic

beliefs, or we'll boot you out and take your pay. And just as insane — the Nuggets' management supports the NBA's decision to suspend Denver's leading scorer.

In no way do I condone Abdul-Rauf's attitude toward the situation, but I will defend his wish to practice his religion in a manner appropriate to it — I will defend the Constitutionality of his right to not stand during the anthems.

"My beliefs are more important than basketball," Abdul-Rauf told the Associated Press. "If I have to give up basketball, I will."

If more people in this country

had such strong convictions as Abdul-Rauf, we might live in a more peaceful and stable society. But Abdul-Rauf has fallen victim to the NBA's Adolf Hitlers — acting on impulse without thinking of logistics.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf shouldn't have to explain why he won't stand — the simple fact that he's an American citizen should explain enough. He has the right to sleep during the anthems if he wants to.

But I guess the NBA and the freedoms spelled out in the Constitution don't go hand-in-hand.

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But Abdul-Rauf doesn't realize is that he's doing two things to only hurt himself: 1) disobeying the rules that were set in place for everyone, regardless of religion, and 2) disacknowledging those who gave Abdul-Rauf a chance to freely express his beliefs.

Rashid Khadlidi, a practicing Muslim and director of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Center for International Studies, said in an Associated Press story that Abdul-Rauf has "confused politics with religion."

"In Muslim countries, millions stand up and salute the flag of the nation in which they reside, just as in this country, millions of Moslems stand up and salute the U.S. flag," Khadlidi said. "There is nothing in the Koran (sacred book of Moslems) to support his argument, I'm afraid."

In the same article, Ed Wearing, the state commander of the American Legion veterans organization in Colorado, said that Abdul-Rauf should give up his U.S. citizenship if he feels passionately enough about this subject.

"Refusing to stand up and recognize the unity of this nation as embodied under the flag to me is tantamount to treason," Wearing said.

And Frank Dowd Jr., commander of American Legion Post 88 in Mattoon, expressed the same sentiment as Wearing.

"I believe that the man shouldn't be able to participate — he wouldn't even be here if it wasn't for that flag," Dowd said. "It's a disgrace for him and his team."

One person suggested an analogy, in that just because he stands up for the Canadian anthem at sporting events, it doesn't mean that he respects Canada or accepts their beliefs.

The same applies in this situation. Rules are rules, and playing in the NBA is a privilege, not a right.

In the same article, Bernard Meltzer, a professor at UIC's law school said that the NBA is its own entity.

"The league is a private enterprise," Meltzer said. "If that rule about standing during the anthem is one of the terms of employment that he's agreed to, then they would seem to be holding most of the cards."

I don't think Abdul-Rauf should bow to public pressure. I think he should just pack his bags to play overseas.

That's one decision that our forefathers would probably agree on.

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double. Two batters later, Dunlop cranked a three-run blast out of the park to put Eastern on top 7-4.

Eastern struck again in the fifth when senior Matt Broom knocked in Clayton Stivers to round out the scoring at 8-5.

In addition to Dunlop's and Overton's performance, Schmitz said sophomore Mark Diorio, senior Shane Hesse and sophomore Josh Zink all had good performances, as they each had two hits.

In response to the win, Schmitz said it showed how strong his

team is this year.

"I thought it was a big character win for our team, because we know what we have to do to win after struggling the day before," Schmitz said.

Overall, Schmitz thought his team really showed how well they can respond when under adversity.

"We played poorly yesterday and responded in good fashion today (Wednesday)," Schmitz said. "Our team just played extremely good baseball against Indiana State."

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"I have every confidence in him."

Both McBee and Klein said they are looking forward to the fall season when almost every Eastern sport will become a member in the Ohio Valley Conference. Klein added that he and his team are looking forward to participating in a different league that will offer better competition — as well as being closer to home.

"The OVC is going to be a good move for the athletic department," Klein said. "It's a league with a great deal of stability. It's going to be a good move for the athletic department."

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team."

Ralston also said that Sadler is her first former player to coach at the collegiate level.

"I don't think anyone else — except for a few high school coaches — have gone on to be coaches," Ralston said. "Most (former players that have coached at the high school level) have wanted to stay at that level."

Sadler did say, however, that she may have had the inside track to getting the job. Carver's assistant head coach and defensive coordinator while a Panther linebacker, John Smith, has a brother that is the athletic director at Chadron State.

"Brad (Smith, Chadron's athletic director) was looking for a volleyball coach," Sadler said. "And I believe that knowing him (through Eastern coach John Smith) helped me out. But I got along great with him when I visited. It's a beautiful place out there."

Sadler said part of her apprehension entering the job stems from the fact she is 22 years old —

and her players are not much younger than she is.

"I'll have to know when to say there's a line between friends and a coach/player relationship," Sadler said of the prospect of becoming friends with her players. "It will be easy to be their friend (because we're around the same age and have common interests), but I won't get into a buddy-type situation."

"That's when you could feel bad about not playing someone. That will be one of the hardest things."

But for now, Sadler has climbed the coaching ladder at somewhat of an extraordinary pace. One year out of college and her playing days and one high school coaching job later, and she's a Division II coach.

"I showed (Chadron's athletic staff) who I was," Sadler said. "They knew I haven't been a college coach before, but I feel like they trust me and they'll help me (adjust to college coaching)."

"I hope it all turns out well. I'm really getting excited."

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Panthers avenge defeat with win at Indiana State

Eastern takes game over with 7-run fourth inning

By BRIAN LESTER
Staff writer



Jim Schmitz

runs. Senior Eric Murphy got the save by not giving up any runs in one and one-half innings of work.

With the win, head coach Jim Schmitz said his team just simply knew what it had to do to get the victory.

"We didn't commit any errors and we came into the game knowing what we had to do to win," Schmitz said. "(And) we did that by putting Tuesday's loss aside."

However, Eastern's third win of the season did not come easily, as the Sycamores quickly leaped out to a 3-0 lead in the second off three hits and then crossed home plate again in the fourth to take a commanding 4-0 lead.

But the Panthers took over in the top of the fourth when freshman Jon Overton knotted the contest at 4 with a two-out

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Klein not pleased with results

Women's coach looking forward to next season

By DAN FIELDS
Sports editor

In 14 years of coaching, Eastern women's basketball coach John Klein has never had a losing season once he established a winning record at that particular school.

Except for this year.

Klein, who guided his team to a 16-12 record in the 1994-95 season after posting a 5-21 mark in his first year, watched his team go 12-15 and make a first-round exit in the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament.

Not surprisingly, Klein is scratching his head over this one.

"I'm not real satisfied," Klein said. "Some things need to be addressed in terms of focus and discipline."

"I don't think you want a coach that finished 12-15 to be happy. I'm not happy. That's why I'm going to question myself."



SARAH WONG/Staff photographer

Eastern head coach John Klein looks on from the bench during an earlier season game. Klein hopes to improve on his team's 12-15 record.

Klein said that one of the team's problems was lack of focus — one of many aspects he wants taken care of before next season.

"We were lacking focus in practices and overall team chemistry," Klein said. "We still have to remedy those things."

"(Having a winning year is) just going to depend on what transpires in the offseason and

how our kids grow as a team and individually."

Eastern Director of Athletics Bob McBee wasn't worried about Klein and his team after this past season. In fact, McBee has a positive outlook for Klein and the program.

"I know John likes to win," McBee said. "We're very pleased with the direction the program is going with John."

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Collegiate head coaching spot next up for Sadler

By MATT ERICKSON
Associate sports editor

It only took Kaaryn Sadler one year of coaching junior varsity high school volleyball to advance to the college level — and she's the first to say she can't believe it.

Sadler, one of the most recognized volleyball graduates in Eastern history, was named last week the new head coach at Chadron State University — an NCAA Division II school in Chadron, Neb., and the alma mater of Eastern men's basketball coach Rick Samuels.

"This really came on fast," Sadler said Wednesday night. "They called me last Monday, and I accepted the position on

Thursday. But when I got the contract, I noticed that they want me to start March 25 to begin recruiting."

That March 25 date put Sadler in an awkward situation. She had the job she wanted, but then reality set in. She realized accepting the position would mean leaving Charleston — her home for the past five years.

"I'm anticipating a lot," Sadler said. "Right now, I have the security of knowing a lot of people (in Charleston and at Eastern). So the idea of going (to Chadron) and not knowing anyone makes me kind of uneasy."

Another harsh reality of the head coaching position — she'll have to be away from

"...I have the security of knowing a lot of people (in Charleston). So the idea of going (to Chadron) and not knowing anyone makes me kind of uneasy."

-Kaaryn Sadler
new head coach at Chadron State

her boyfriend, Eastern football player Tim Carver. Carver is the school's and Gateway Conference's all-time leading tackler.

"I'm excited (about the position), but at the same time I'm a little sad about leaving Tim," Sadler said.

But Sadler knows the hardships of, in a sense, starting a new life come with the territory of coaching. She also realizes she's entering a realm of coaching she knows little about — the college level.

Before accepting the position at Chadron State, Sadler coached Lovington High School's junior varsity squad. She also had experience in coaching a USVBA squad from Casey last summer, a fact her former head coach at Eastern — Betty Ralston — said would help her.

"She got some good experience in coaching (at the high school level)," Ralston said. "That will help her as far as running practices and working with the

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Is Denver superstar's national anthem flap honorable?

NBA making right move in suspending rebellious player

At one point in our lives, we learned about the Revolutionary War the Colonies had with the British. You know, the one that had people giving their lives for freedom.

From what I remember, our forefathers had to fight for that independence — and they got it. And the American flag has since been a reminder that our freedom wasn't free.

And before every basketball game, from country high school gymnasiums to palaces in the National Basketball Association, the Star Spangled Banner is played before each contest to remind us of this.

But recently, a conflict has surfaced about Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, the leading scorer for the Denver Nuggets, in which he refused to stand during the playing of the national anthem.

The NBA is suspending Abdul-Rauf, without pay, until he complies with the NBA's rule that states players, coaches and trainers must "stand and line up in a dignified posture" during the playing of both American and Canadian anthems.

Abdul-Rauf, who accepted Islam as his religion in 1991, said that the American flag was a "symbol of oppression, of tyranny." And what's so great about this country is that he has that right to state his opinion.

But Abdul-Rauf is not only rebelling against the rules of the NBA, he is, in a sense, turning his back on those who have sacrificed blood, sweat and tears for his, and our, country.

It's obvious that you can't force anyone to do anything, and in this case, all the NBA can do is suspend Abdul-Rauf.

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Dan Fields
Sports editor

Abdul-Rauf making decision based on belief, not regulation

I've been a fan of the NBA for many years — like the promotion says, "NBA Action — It's Fantastic!" And through the years, I've seen the NBA's big-wigs hand down punishments — namely minor suspensions and fines — for actions deemed inappropriate by players.

The reasons for these slaps on the wrists of NBA bad boys usually include fighting, skipping practices or skipping required media days at All-Star Games.

But Tuesday, the most utterly ridiculous reason for a player suspension was given to Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf of the Denver Nuggets. Abdul-Rauf is a devout practitioner of Islam, and the NBA suspended him indefinitely because of his refusal to stand during the playing of national anthems during the pregame.

I'm sorry. I guess I misunderstood the

Constitution. I thought that little section in there about "freedom of religion" implied that you can practice whatever religion you wish — and be free of persecution for your beliefs.

In a nutshell, Abdul-Rauf is being punished by the NBA for his religious beliefs. But the NBA pawns all this off by saying it is a league requirement that all players "stand and line up in a dignified posture" during the U.S. and Canadian national anthems, according to NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik's comments in an Associated Press story Wednesday.

I can understand the NBA's policy on respecting the American and Canadian national anthems — the league has its own reputation to worry about. And it feels that violators of this policy are worthy of an

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Matt Erickson
Associate sports editor

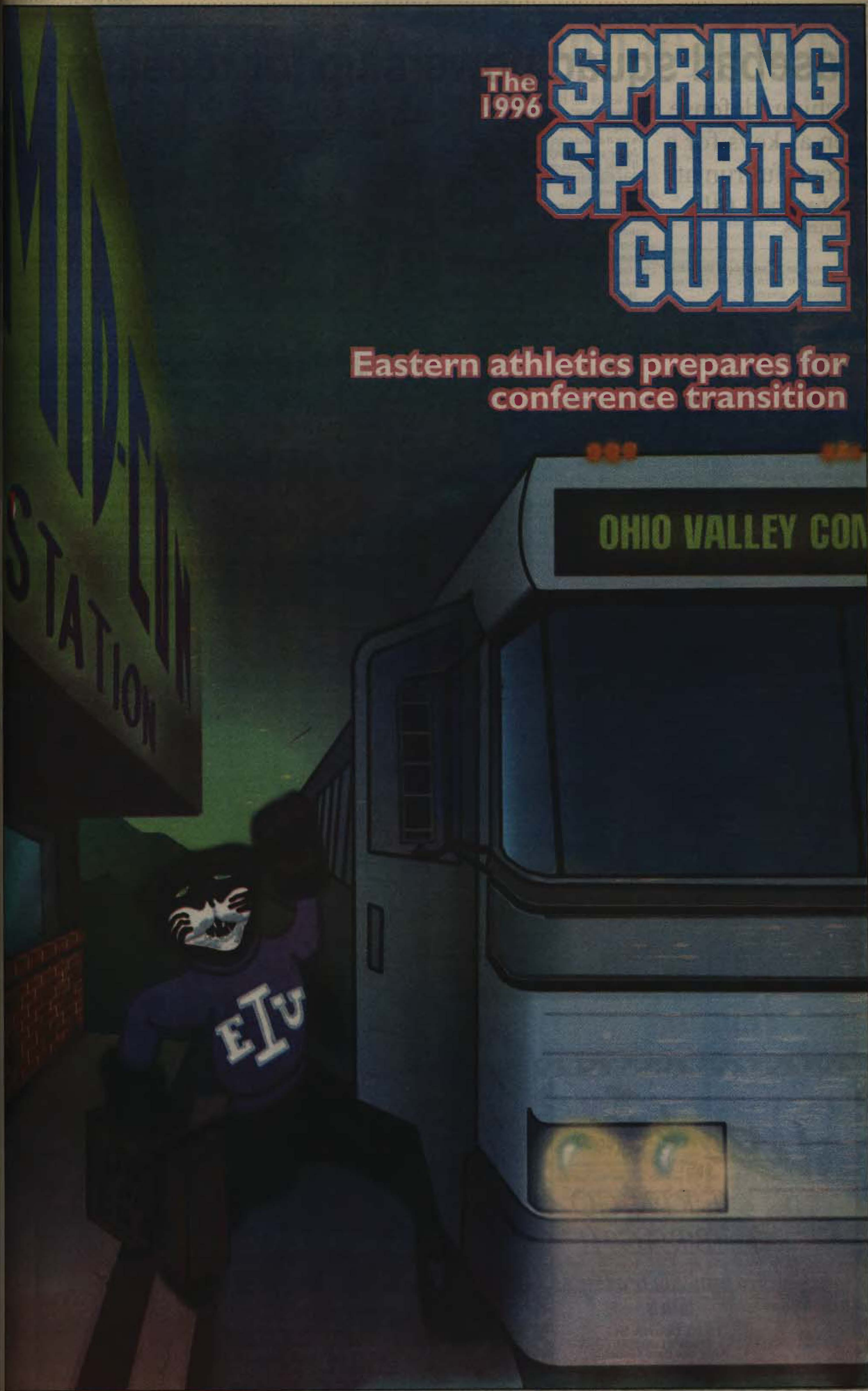
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Baseball squad powers up for repeat shot

Pitching, defense seen as keys for a successful run at conference title

By BRIAN LESTER
Staff writer

If anything can be said about this year's baseball team, it's that the players know how to overcome dilemmas.

Last year the team had a new coach and no returning pitchers, but still managed to walk away with the Mid-Continent Conference Western Division crown and finished the year with a 28-19 record.

This year has been different for the Panthers, as they have had three games canceled this year due to the weather. Despite this problem, Eastern has continued to practice this year and head coach Jim Schmitz believes his team has done well despite the lack of games.

"We're starting to get outside now and we are swinging the bats more," Schmitz said. "So I'm pleased with where we are in terms of practice. Even though we still have some people injured, getting them healthy is the big thing."

Nevertheless, the Panthers have a solid

team set for the 1996 campaign and with a talented group of freshmen and transfers coming in, Eastern seems poised to make a run for the Mid-Con title once again.

In the area of pitching, Schmitz has three full-time pitchers returning in sophomore Caleb Englehardt, senior Brian Neal and senior Jim Healy.

Englehardt finished the 1995 season with a 3-2 mark while appearing in nine games during his freshman season.

Neal should also be a key to the team's success this season, as he led the team in innings pitched last year with 64.7 and boasted a 3.76 earned run average.

Healy comes into his final season as a Panther with the team's best winning percentage from a year ago by winning over 85 percent of his games - which led to a 6-1 record and the fifth most wins in the Mid-Con.

In addition to a strong pitching rotation, Schmitz is also going to be depending on a bullpen that consists of senior Tony Gilio, senior Eric Murphy and junior Mike Sommerfeld.

"Earlier I talked about a bullpen by committee by having Gilio, Sommerfeld and Murphy and these guys have really done a nice job in complementing each other so far," Schmitz said.

Besides pitching being a key to winning games this year, freshman outfielder Sean Lyons believes defense is also going to play a big role in the team's quest for

"I think hitting is one of our biggest strengths, but the pitching and defense will have to step up in order to win."

-Tony Gilio,
Eastern pitcher

another conference crown.

"I would say our strength would have to be defense, because most games are going to be tight this year and since we're not a power-hitting team, defense is going to win games," Lyons said.

However, Gilio thinks hitting is one of the team's biggest strengths - even though the other aspects of the team have to step up.

"I think hitting is one of our biggest strengths, but the pitching and defense have to step up in order to win," Gilio said. "We'll also have to stay healthy in order to be a strong team."

As for the players leading the way at the plate, Schmitz will be looking for senior shortstop Steve Dunlop, senior third baseman Shane Hesse and junior transfer Nolan Lofgren.

Dunlop batted .243 last year and started in 46 of 47 games while leading the team in doubles with 10.

Hesse is coming off a year in which he was a first team All Mid-Con selection and finished sixth in the league in batting with

a .357 average.

Lofgren will also be a force on this year's team and Schmitz said he will provide the team with stability behind the plate. At Triton Community College, Lofgren helped lead his team to the junior college World Series last year.

Of course, Schmitz believes defense seems to be the key to having a successful year.

"I think our team plays well defensively as a team - even though we've had one bad game," Schmitz said. "(But) I'm happy with our defense and I think that if we have a good defensive team we have a good chance to win."

Despite the strengths, there are still areas that need to be improved upon before the conference season begins in two weeks and Gilio believes there have been some problems in swinging the bats.

"Right now I think our hitting hasn't been there, but it will come around once we start playing more games," Gilio said.

And while there is still room for improvement on the team, Schmitz believed if his team gets the chance to finish out the nonconference schedule the players will be ready for the conference season.

"If we get the chance to play the rest of our games before the Northeastern (Illinois) game, our team will be ready for the conference season because we'll get the chance to test out our lineups against three teams in seven games," Schmitz said.

1996 Eastern Baseball Roster

Name	Year	Position	Hometown
Matt Broom	Senior	Pitcher/Outfielder	Carmi
Mark Diorio	Soph.	Infielder	Wheaton (COD)
Steve Dunlop	Senior	Shortstop	S. Holland
Caleb Englehardt	Soph.	Pitcher	Tuscola
Tony Gilio	Senior	Pitcher/Infielder	Hanover Park
Jason Hamrick	Junior	Outfielder	Springfield
Jim Healey	Senior	Pitcher	Middleburg Heights, Ohio
Shane Hesse	Senior	Infielder	Peoria, Ariz.
Jeff Kober	Junior	Pitcher	Jefferson, Wisc.
Nolan Lofgren	Junior	Catcher	Rockford
Sean Lyons	Frosh.	Outfielder	Byron
Matt Marzec	Frosh.	Infielder	Palatine
Eric Murphy	Senior	Pitcher	Fairfield
Brian Neal	Senior	Pitcher	McLeansboro
Jon Overton	Frosh.	Outfielder	Morris
Greg Seiders	Soph.	Infielder	Springfield
Mike Sommerfeld	Junior	Pitcher	Oak Forest
Jimmy Stamper	Frosh.	Infielder	Elmhurst
Clayton Stivers	Junior	Pitcher	Findlay
Adam Stoneking	Junior	Catcher	Macomb
Beau Szul	Senior	Pitcher	Oak Lawn
Mark Tomase	Frosh.	Pitcher/1B	Aurora
Brandt Whitehead	Senior	Catcher	Springfield
Kevin Wujcik	Frosh.	Catcher	Chicago Ridge
Ty Ziegler	Junior	Outfielder	Mapleton
Josh Zink	Soph.	Infielder	Louisville, Ky.
Doug Zywicki	Junior	Infielder	Elgin

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Lady Panthers eyeing return to playoffs

Lack of depth and young team may be obstacles for first-year coach

By JOSH HARBECK
Staff writer

It will be an interesting season.

With a young team and a small roster, first-year head coach Stephanie Fox has some concerns for the 1996 softball season — but that doesn't mean the season can not be successful.

"Our big goal of the year is to win the conference tournament," Fox said. "If we win the conference tournament, we go on to a play-in where we play the winner of the (Ohio Valley Conference), and the winner goes to the NCAA tournament.

"And that would be a dream."

To get to the conference tournament, the Panthers would have to finish as one

of the top two teams in the Mid-Continent Conference's West Division.

The division includes the University of Missouri at Kansas City, Northeastern Illinois University, Valparaiso University and perennial powerhouse Western Illinois University. Fox said Eastern and Western usually take the top two spots in the division.

But before they can worry about the conference tournament, the Panthers have to worry about the regular season. Eastern is off to a 2-2 start, and Fox said the team has to play consistently throughout the season.

"One of our goals is to win the games we should win and not play down to anyone's level," she said. "And to win some of the games that we're underdogs in."

Although the roster is not deep (14 players), Fox said the team has the talent to accomplish its goals.

"Overall, we have we have a pretty solid defense and a pretty good lineup," she said.

The defense will feature new faces in the infield.

Junior Kim Hartzler is a transfer stu-

"Our big goal of the year is to win the conference tournament...the winner goes to the NCAA Tournament. And that would be a dream."

**-Stephanie Fox,
Head softball coach**

dent from Illinois Central College who will handle the third base position. She was a two-time National Junior College All-American while at Illinois Central.

Freshman Stacy Siebert will start at shortstop. Fox said she is impressed with Siebert's fielding and hitting. She will also see time on the mound.

Graduate student Luann Schleeter returns from a knee injury to play second base. Schleeter redshirted last season after an ACL tear. She led the team in hitting during the 1994 Mid-Con Tournament.

Sophomore Emily Starkey will move in from the outfield to play first base. Starkey was a second team All Mid-Con West Division selection last year after starting 54 games and hitting .322.

The outfield will be anchored by first team All Mid-Con West selection Jennifer Cherveny in center field. Cherveny set team records with 201 at bats and 75 hits last season.

Left and right field are still up for grabs, with junior Bridget Ward, freshman Courtney Cassata freshman Amy Kukman and senior Missy Porzel sharing playing time.

Fox said the pitching situation is nearly set. The Panthers will be led by Porzel and sophomore Mandy White. The two pitchers went 11-10 and 6-8 respectively last season.

"Missy is our only senior and she's looking very strong," Fox said. "She throws a lot of off speed (pitches), and has a lot of control. I'm looking for her to hopefully be on fire this year.

"Mandy throws more heat. She throws faster than Missy and has a good mix of pitches. She's looking strong also."

The other player possibly thrown into the pitching mix is Siebert, but Fox said with the lack of depth on the roster, it is hard to use her starting shortstop on the mound.

1996 EASTERN SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

REMAINING GAMES

March 15-17	A	SIU-Carbondale Tournament
March 19	A	Florida Spring Trip
March 23	H	Valparaiso (2)
March 24	H	Northeastern Illinois (2)
March 27	H	Indiana State (2)
March 30	A	St. Louis (2)
March 31	A	Missouri-Kansas City (2)
April 2	H	Western Illinois (2)
April 5	H	Butler (2)
April 6-7	H	EIU Invitational (EIU, DePaul, Evansville, Loyola)
April 10	A	Indiana State (2)
April 13	A	Northeastern Illinois (2)
April 14	A	Valparaiso (2)
April 16	H	Evansville (2)
April 17	A	Wright State (2)
April 20	H	Missouri-Kansas City (2)
April 21	A	DePaul (2)
April 23	A	Illinois State (2)
April 27	A	Western Illinois (2)
April 29	H	Bradley (2)
May 3-4	TBA	Mid-Continent Tournament

1996 Eastern Softball Roster

Name	Year	Position	Hometown
Kelly Root	Frosh.	Pitcher	Decatur
Emily Starkey	Soph.	Infielder	Hudson
Stacy Siebert	Frosh.	Pitcher/Inf.	Belleville
Bridget Ward	Junior	Infielder	Orland Park
Mandy White	Soph.	Pitcher/Inf.	Belton
Courtney Cassata	Frosh.	Outfielder	Schaumburg
Luann Schleeter	Grad.	Infielder	East Moline
Jennifer Cherveny	Junior	Outfielder	Streator
Nicole Kristou	Frosh.	Infielder	Downers Grove
Jamie Skerski	Junior	Catcher/Inf.	Bartlett
Kim Hartzler	Junior	Infielder	Washington
Missy Porzel	Senior	Pitcher	Lockport
Jessica Loy	Frosh.	Infielder	Genoa
Amy Kukman	Frosh.	Catcher/Of.	Morris

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Track teams aim for successful outdoor season

By BRIAN LESTER
Staff writer

With the indoor track season out of the way – a season in which the men's team won the conference title and the women's squad finished fourth – both squads are looking forward to a successful outdoor season.

In that conference meet, the men's squad edged out Western Illinois University for the title while the women's team finished behind Western.

Men's head coach Tom Akers believes the talent that he has on his team for the outdoor part of the season is definitely a key to a repeat of the success experienced during the indoor half of the season.

Probably our team's strength for the outdoor season is the quality and depth of our performers," Akers said in reference to his

team that managed to place in every event at the indoor conference meet.

As for the members leading the men's team on its quest for a outdoor conference championship, Akers said he will rely on a variety of athletes in various events.

On the sprints team, Akers will have George Wilson, Chris Watson and Cameron Mabry as the strength of the event while Kert McAfee and Mike McBride will be the focal points of the middle distance event.

Watson won the 200 meter dash with a time of 21.92 while George Wilson captured the 400 meter dash with a time of 48.97 at the indoor conference championships in February.

For the distance events, Akers will rely on Nate Schaffer, Justin Weiss, Todd Moroney and Jason Anhalt.

Weiss and Anhalt also enjoyed

success at the conference meet. Weiss finished second in the 3000 meter run with a time of 8:41.18 and Anhalt wound up in the third place slot with a time of 8:45.62.

Tim Thompson, Cory Utterback and Tom Hess will be the leaders in the high jump event; John Davis and Jason Waldschmidt will be the athletes to watch in the throwing events and Mike Quinlan will fill the pole vault spot.

Nevertheless, there are a couple of things that need to be improved upon before the outdoor season begins according to Akers.

"Our team needs to get after the weight training right now," Akers said. "We really didn't have any voids, though, indoors and that's why we dominated the conference meet. We placed well – and placed well in every event."

For the women's team, head

coach John Craft will have plenty of athletes to help improve on the fourth place finish from the indoor conference meet.

Tisha Alvarez is one of the key athletes on the team, as she owns personal records in both the shotput and 20-pound weight throw. Her personal record in the weight throw is 46 feet 6 inches in the shotput and the school record in the 20-pound weight throw, which she set at the conference meet, is 52 feet 10 inches.

In the distance events, Craft will look for middle distance runner Cristen Conrad to have a successful year in the 1500 meter run and mile run.

High jumper Tiffany Jansen is also expected to have a good outdoor season and Craft said her goal is to win the conference title in that event. Danyel Watters is looking to improve on her leap of 5 feet 3/4 inches.

As for the long jump, Joni Craft is the focal point for the outdoor season, as she finished second at the conference meet with a leap of 18 feet 1/2 inch. She also finished sixth in the 60 meter dash.

In the sprint events, Ashleigh Laningham will take on the role of long sprinter, as she will compete in the 200 and 100 dash events while teammate Tiffany Cheatham will also participate in the 200 and 100 meter dashes.

Craft said Serra Morton will also figure prominently into the outdoor season in the quarter mile run.

"In the field events, Tisha (Alvarez) really made an impact and our distance running team have also done well because they set the indoor record in the medley relay," Craft said in reference to his team's strengths going into the outdoor competition.

1996 MEN'S TRACK ROSTER

Chris Anderson, Senior
Jason Anhalt, Senior
Rich Arsenault, Senior
Maurice Daniels, Freshman
John Davis, Freshman
Ralph Gardner, Senior
Neal Garrison, Senior
Ray Helms, Junior
Tom Hess, Junior
Perry Hill, Freshman
Alan Kowalke, Sophomore
Kevin Lindsey, Freshman
Paul Loethen, Freshman
Scott Loethen, Freshman
Cameron Maybry, Freshman
Kert McAfee, Junior
Mike McBride, Sophomore
Aundra Williams, Freshman

Brandon Meiner, Sophomore
Todd Moroney, Sophomore
Mike Quinlan, Junior
Joe Rigaud, Junior
Charlie Roche, Senior
Nate Shaffer, Senior
Matt Singer, Senior
Roland Slama, Sophomore
Cory Smith, Junior
Alveste Taylor, Sophomore
Timothy Thompson, Junior
Cory Utterback, Senior
Jim Voyles, Senior
Rick Walden, Junior
Jason Waldschmidt, Sophomore
Chris Watson, Freshman
Justin Weiss, Junior
George Wilson, Sophomore



John Craft



Tom Akers

1996 Track Coaches

1996 WOMEN'S TRACK ROSTER

Tisha Alvarez, Junior
Gina Arinyanontakoon, Freshman
Shalonda Armstrong, Freshman
Jenny Blank, Sophomore
Colleen Buti, Freshman
Tiffany Cheatham, Freshman
Cristen Conrad, Freshman
Jonica Craft, Freshman
Catherine DeGreve, Sophomore
Natalie Dombkowski, Freshman
Julia Downs, Junior
Carey Dunker, Junior
Shenoa Fehr, Junior
Jennie Hannah, Senior
Kathy Hults, Junior
Heather Hyland, Freshman
Tiffany Jansen, Senior
Danyel Watters, Sophomore
Joelle Wesley, Freshman

Victoria Kyrychenko, Junior
Susan Langer, Freshman
Ashleigh Laningham, Freshman
Nadia Macnider, Sophomore
Kathy Matheny, Sophomore
Jodi Milas, Freshman
Serra Morton, Freshman
Julie Perkins, Senior
Christy Petricca, Freshman
Kendra Pickens, Freshman
Erin Raftery, Freshman
Chrissy Roche, Freshman
Bethanie Rubenacker, Freshman
Rachel Schwartzkopf, Freshman
Rachel Siler, Sophomore
Abigail Smith, Freshman
Megan Spicer, Freshman
Jennie Ulrich, Freshman
Stacy Winters, Sophomore

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Golf team prepares for links

By MATT WILSON
Staff writer

The Eastern golf team is gearing up for its first meet – the Butler Invitational on March 31.

Eastern has eight players on its roster this spring – up one spot from the fall. They are Jeremy Morton, Luke Bland, Brian Jacobi, Cory Briggs, Mark Smaizys, Chris Wood, Matt Marinaro and Pete Mauch.

The schedule for the team looks tough. The Panthers are competing in six meets – five of those being invitationals.

The first meet Eastern is competing in is the Butler Invitational, which will consist of 14-18 teams; the Ball State Invitational, which will consist of 21 teams; the Tennessee State Invitational, which will consist of 10 teams; the Bradley Invitational, which will consist of 10 teams and the Xavier Invitational, which will consist of

16 teams. All of these invitationals are topped off by the conference championships on April 28-30.

Head coach Mike Moncel doesn't know what to think about the Butler Invitational.

"It's hard to say how we're going to do in it because I don't know who's going to be there," said Moncel. "Our main goal for the meet is to break 315 or 320."

The two golfers who figure to contribute the most on Eastern's team are Jeremy Morton and Luke Bland. This year's team added an extra player, which should help out a lot according to Moncel. Moncel said his goal for the team is to have everybody break 75.

The team in the fall improved 15 strokes from one tournament to the next. The Panthers finished second at the EIU Invitational, which consisted of 12 teams and seventh at the Southeast Missouri State Invitational.

1996 MEN'S GOLF ROSTER

Luke Bland, Sophomore
Cory Briggs, Freshman
Brian Jacobi, Junior
Matt Marinaro, Senior
Pete Mauch, Senior
Jeremy Morton, Junior
Mark Smaizys, Soph.
Chris Wood, Junior

The one thing Moncel likes about this spring's team is that it is young and there is a lot of room for improvement.

"This season will give the younger guys a lot of experience," said Moncel. "I'm looking forward to next season and we should be tournament tough in the next couple of years."

Moncel is getting his team prepared for the season by having short game drills and by having the players hit balls.



SARAH WONG/Staff photographer

Neck and neck

Eastern track athletes Aundra Williams (left), a freshman, and Cameron Mabry (right), also a freshman, race down to the wire during practice at O'Brien Stadium Wednesday.



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Up the middle

Eastern softball player Bridget Ward, a junior, follows through at practice at Williams Field Thursday.

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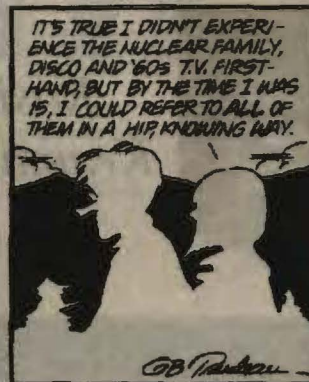
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3/14
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Brian Landeweer, a freshman pre-engineering major is playing tennis with EIU tennis team at the Weller Court Monday afternoon.

Head coach Kramarski wants repeat performance

By CHAD MERDA
Staff writer

Both the men's and women's tennis teams are coming off of winning seasons and hoping to improve under the supervision of second year head coach Rosie Kramarski.

As a rookie coach, Kramarski was named 1995 Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year for the women after she led them to a 12-9 overall record and 8-1 in the Mid-Con as they finished second in the conference.

Senior Brandon Kuhl said Kramarski is a much better coach than the team has had in the past.

"The past coach didn't really care about the team, so it was hard for us to care," Kuhl said. "Now we have Rosie, and she helps the team out because she motivates the team to do our best."

The men also shared in the success of the women as they were 15-7 overall and 7-3 in the Mid-Con and took third in conference.

This year is the last one in which the Panthers will compete in the Mid-Con, and will move to the Ohio Valley Conference next year.

"The teams in the Mid-Con are becoming stronger," Kramarski said.

"But, the OVC is a strong tennis conference and we will have the opportunity to meet a couple of the OVC teams (this season) and we'll be fortunate to get to know a little about them."

The men will be led this season by senior captain Brad Rozboril. Last season he played No. 1 singles with a record of 6-12, and was 8-8 at

No. 1 doubles.

Seniors Dennis Alexander and Brandon Kuhl also return to the team. Alexander played No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles last year, while Kuhl played both No. 3 and 4 singles and No. 2 doubles.

Being a senior on the team, Kuhl believes he must take on a much bigger role and help out his younger team members.

"My role is to keep them motivated and wanting to play," Kuhl said. "I also try to coach them as much as possible without getting in the way."

"The senior guys want to come out with a winning season," Kramarski said. "They are working hard and are taking on the leadership and motivation."

Three freshmen join the team, with Brad Cook being the standout.

Cook, from Dunlap High School in Peoria, qualified for state all four years of high school and placed 13th in the state his final year.

"I expect Brad to continue to play an aggressive style game at singles and expect him to stay at the top of the lineup," Kramarski said.

The men's team has lost some and gained some over last year's team.

"The freshmen lack the experience we've had in the past but they do show a lot of talent," Kuhl said. "In a few years they will be very, very good."

Even though the men are lacking experience, the women are at an even greater disadvantage. There are only two seniors on the team with five freshmen.

"It's a big difference from the last three teams because we were all close in age," senior captain Stephanie Sullivan said. "This is new for all of us. It's a new team for all of us."

Sullivan was 11-5 at No. 6 singles and 6-4 in No. 3 doubles last year. Sullivan knows what her role is on the team.

Terra Erickson is the other half of the senior connection, where she was 10-10 at No. 2

singles and 11-10 in doubles matches.

The standout freshman for the women is Adeline Khaw, from Malaysia, who currently holds the No. 1 position on the team. Khaw won the singles gold medal in the under-18 Kedah International Tennis Championships, the silver medal in the under-18 1994 Penang Junior Open, and was doubles champion in the 1993 National Schools Tennis Championships.

"She's an international player who was chosen by her country and represented her country well," Kramarski said. She also said there is pressure on Khaw because there is always pressure on whoever holds the No. 1 position on a team.

Kramarski said she anticipates that two other freshmen, Kelli Kuhl and Molly Monge, will see plenty of action this season.

Kuhl is from Centennial High School in Champaign and placed ninth in doubles at the state tournament. Monge, from Richwoods High School in Peoria finished seventh in doubles at state.

With all of the youth on the team, Kramarski does not believe the women are at a disadvantage.

"We had to do a lot of recruiting and have a nice balance between experience and young talent," Kramarski said. "The freshmen can learn a lot from the seniors."

While Kramarski believes the men are pretty well off, the women need a little more work.

"Individually each one has to continue to improve on their games," Kramarski said.

"Last year we definitely had experience and motivation. If each one continues to improve we'll be a much better team."

The focus for the year is to win the Mid-Con title, but there is no particular won-loss record in mind.

"We have to take one match at a time and our focus is when Mid-Con Tournament comes around," Kramarski said.

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